

EMPTY SAFE LEFT BY WOMAN'S SUICIDE; \$150,000 MISSING

Strongbox of Mme. Marie Vitous, Banker for Thousands in Bohemian Colony on East Side, Found to Contain Only a Will.

Thousands of residents of the Bohemian colony on the upper east side were astounded to-day when they learned that the safe of Mme. Marie Vitous, their counsellor, guide and banker, who committed suicide last Thursday, was absolutely empty. It was opened to-day by an expert under orders from the Public Administrator, and instead of the great fortune in mortgages, bonds and other securities it was supposed to contain there was nothing but a will.

It is estimated that more than \$150,000 was intrusted to Mme. Vitous in the past few years by persons who had confidence in her business judgment. Hundreds of women employed in the cigar factories of the Bohemian colony gave their life savings to her without question.

Up to about a year ago she paid all these persons interest and dividends, but it became known to-day that two years ago she lost over \$100,000 through the failure of Christian Young, a broker, who committed suicide. She kept up her payments to her dupes as long as she could and then went insane from worry. For several months previous to her death she was mentally incompetent.

Help Savings of Families.

The sums turned over to Mme. Vitous ranged from \$10,000 to \$5 per individual. In many instances she held the savings of whole families. The confidence of the people, who called her their "Little Mother," remained unshaken until the safe was opened. Father Prout, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church, in East Seventy-second street, is fearful that there will be a number of cases of suicide when the extent of the failure of Mme. Vitous becomes known.

In the crowd surrounding the late home of Mme. Vitous, at No. 214 East Seventy-second street was Annie Kolyvek, a cigarmaker, of No. 1238 First avenue. In four years she intrusted to Mme. Vitous \$5,500 and she fully expected that it would be found in the safe. Another woman upon whom the blow fell with crushing force was Clara Novak, a cigarmaker, of No. 333 East Fifty-fourth street. Her loss is \$1,186.33. Columns of The Evening World could be filled with similar victims.

Known as a Healer.

This Mme. Marie Vitous was one of the most remarkable women in New York. In the eyes of the Bohemians and Slavs she was little short of a goddess. Her power was absolute and her judgment in any matter was unquestioned. She was known as a healer, but always had a regularly licensed doctor in her house to administer medicines and perform operations. Her success was due to her almost unfailing judgment of human nature—although she was deceived in the broker who ruined her.

Mme. Vitous was of the noble house of Mashek, in Bohemia. She came to New York thirteen years ago, with her husband, a doctor, and settled in the Bohemian colony. Gradually her fame as a healer and woman of wisdom spread, and she maintained a large establishment.

Some years ago her husband went to Bohemia on a visit and became insane. He is in an asylum there now. Mme. Vitous then engaged Prof. Pisk, a physician, to assist her, and when he left she retained Dr. J. W. Flynn, who remained up to the time of her death.

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CRUSADING RUN MAD, SAYS JUDGE

Discharges Italian Charged with Carrying Knife Needed in Business.

Judge Warren W. Foster in Part IV. General Sessions, today condemned what he called the wholesale practice of selling people for the purpose of finding concealed weapons upon them. He discharged a prisoner indicted for carrying a murderous knife.

Judge Foster said: "I will be more lenient with him than you. I will not take his plea of guilty and I will dismiss the indictment. There is nothing in the case, and the man should not have been arrested. It is a crusading run mad to bring in this Italian because they are found carrying pocket knives. This man was doing no more than he had a perfect right to do."

It was one of the first to call attention to the dangers attending upon allowing citizens and officers in this community to carry weapons. It made it a rule that whenever in a case on trial before me it appears that any one had in his possession a pocket knife, bowie-knife, no matter whether guilty of the offense charged or not, to hold him for six months in the jail carrying concealed weapons, but in this case the man was within his rights."

MURDERED BY AVENGERS BODY HIDDEN IN BUSHES

WATERBURY, Conn., May 1.—The body of Rocco Elamo, about thirty years of age, was found in the woods southwest of this city to-day. He had been murdered and his body thrown in the bushes some distance from the highway. Six bullet holes were in the body. Elamo, the police believe, was killed by a gang of men who held him responsible for the fleeing of another Italian of \$50 a short time ago. The opinion is held that Elamo was induced to go to the woods and was then killed. The murder, it is thought, took place some time last Sunday.

SAW WRECK OF SCHOONER.

No News of Everett Webster's Crew Has Been Received.

The schooner Everett Webster, which sailed from Wilmington, N. C., for Philadelphia, was sighted, abandoned and waterlogged, at sea on April 25 by the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which arrived here to-day from Bremen.

The Webster's mainmast was set, and the officers of the steamer believe she had been on fire. No word of the schooner's crew of six men has been received.

SHOT AT TROOPS IN PARIS STREET TO INCITE RIOT

Russian Wounds Two and Narrowly Escapes Lynching by Crowd.

PARIS, May 1.—This afternoon a man who was passing the Place de la Republique on top of an omnibus fired five shots from a revolver at a squad of outriders, wounding two of the outriders. The man, who was subsequently identified as Jacob Law, of Balta, province of Podolia, Russia, was dragged down from the top of the omnibus by the police and narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of the crowd surrounding the vehicle.

Law, who was terribly beaten before he was delivered from the hands of the mob, subsequently died in the hospital to which he was taken. Law, who was sympathetic with the Socialists, who thronged the streets trying to incite strikers to May day riots.

The entire garrison of Paris was under arms, and with 60 mounted Republican Guards distributed about the city to-day to cope with the expected riots, but up to noon there was no disturbance of note, although hundreds of arrests of loafers and suspects were made.

Later in the day, however, the crowds became boisterous and there were frequent clashes.

Mounted Republican Guards and detachments of regular cavalry occupied positions in the streets adjoining the Labor Exchange while the meetings were in progress. The speakers made most violent attacks on capitalists, corporations and Premier Clemenceau, who was denounced as a renegade amidst frenzied cheering.

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change adjourned a great crowd of men. The building they were quiet at first in the presence of the troops, but soon became boisterous, offering for a general strike and holding meetings at Premier Clemenceau and Interior Minister Ribot, denouncing them as traitors to the cause of Socialism. A detachment of cavalry thereupon charged and dispersed the crowd.

A score of men were knocked down and trampled upon during the charge, and about a hundred men were arrested. The men then broke up into small groups and made their way by different routes to the headquarters of the Federation of Labor, across the canal.

This evening the city was strongly guarded at every point and any attempt at violence quickly put down.

10012, Russian Point, May 1.—Many bloody fights in the streets here marked the May Day cessation of work in the factories, stores and newspaper offices. The Nationalists, who opposed the strike, and the Socialists, who declared it, were in conflict throughout the forenoon.

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